

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 19, 1999
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	Karen Shurko, Goodyear
Debbie Kohn, Avondale	*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
Jeanine Guy for Joe Blanton, Buckeye	Wahid Alam, Mesa
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Mark Wheaton for Neil Urban, Maricopa County
Bob Pazera, Chandler	*Jenifer Corey, Peoria
Unappointed, El Mirage	Fred Osgood, Phoenix
*Geir Sverdrup, Fountain Hills	Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Tina Notah, Gila River Indian Community	*Sherry Aguilar, Surprise
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend	Neil Calfee, Tempe
Ricardo Toris, Glendale	Jerry Stricklin, Wickenburg
	Dick Gregory, Youngtown

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Hamid Arshadi, Gilbert	Jim Howard, Bureau of the Census
Joanie Mead, Scottsdale	Al Jauregui, Bureau of the Census
Shiloh Thatcher, Maricopa County	Edna Johnson, Bureau of the Census
William Winfield, Mesa	Linda Strock, DES
Mark Elma, Tempe	Foster Burton, Citizen
Susan Abbott, Bureau of the Census	Rita Walton, MAG
John Zupon, Chandler	Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Pettit at 10:03 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

No members of the audience provided any comments.

3. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 1999

It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Geir Sverdrup and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of June 17, 1999.

4. Status Report on Census 2000

Susan Abbott provided a status report on Census 2000 including complete count committees, the opening of two new local census offices and the September 15, 1999 Census Bureau Workshop. The managers of the two new Local Census Offices were introduced: Al Jauregui, of the downtown Phoenix Office and Edna Johnson of the West Phoenix Office.

5. Census Bureau Address Update Programs

Jim Howard provided an update on the Census Bureau's efforts to field check addresses in the Update/Leave area to reconcile discrepancies between local government and Census Bureau address files. Edna Johnson distributed a sheet which summarized the discrepancies between the Census Bureau's housing unit estimates and MAG member agencies.

MAG POPTAC members expressed concern over the magnitude of the discrepancies remaining after the field check. with a discrepancy of more than 40,000 housing units between local counts and Census Bureau counts. George Pettit asked MAG staff to confer with the Denver Regional Office of the Census Bureau regarding the discrepancy.

6. Statistical Areas Program

Shiloh Thatcher provided an update on the Statistical Areas Program. She noted that the County had sent recommended changes to Census Geography to the Census Bureau and was waiting for the Bureau to send back maps to be verified. She also noted that she forwarded to the Bureau justification provided by MAG and MAG member agencies for retaining block group boundaries that were candidates for Census Bureau consolidation.

7. Recommended Changes to the MAG Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) System

Rita Walton discussed the process for making changes to the MAG TAZ system. She noted that the latest MAG Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) system was developed by MAG in 1996 and was used for developing socioeconomic projections using the 1995 Special Census as the base. Ms. Walton explained that growth in the region and the forthcoming Census Transportation Planning Package resulted in a need to recommend changes to the TAZ system.

Ms. Walton noted that the Transportation Systems Analysis Group at MAG has conferred with transportation planners in member agencies on potential recommendations for changes to TAZ zones. This input was incorporated into a proposed new TAZ system which was sent to members of the MAG POPTAC for review and comment. Additional modifications were made to the TAZs based on comments received from POPTAC members.

8. Building Permit Completions

Harry Wolfe indicated that all MAG member agencies had submitted their building permit completions through the second quarter of 1999. He thanked everyone for their efforts to supply the permit completions in accordance with the deadline needed to forward them to DES.

9. Preparation of July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update

Harry Wolfe explained that DES would be preparing a July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update in the near future. He added that the Update, when approved, would become the control total for preparing July 1, 1999 Municipality Updates.

10. Next Meeting of the MAG POPTAC

Harry Wolfe indicated that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC was scheduled for September 16, 1999.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.